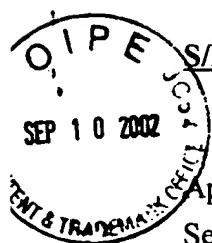


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Our check in the amount of \$200.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee.
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